```
        confirmFlag = true;
    }
    if (allowSubmit(key, confirmFlag)) {
        debug(GenDebug, "formName", formName);
        eval("document." + formName + ".action=\"" + action + "\"");
        eval("document." + formName + ".submit()");
    }
} --
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REMARKS

The Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, dated February 1, 2001, objected to the drawings as allegedly not complying with 37 C.F.R. 1.84. By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has moved the example of source code contained in canceled Fig. 4, as filed with this application, into the specification.

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. No new matter is introduced by these amendments and it is respectfully requested that the above amendments be considered when the application is examined on its merits. Support for the amendments may be found in cancelled Fig. 4.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application, as amended, is now in condition for allowance and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that an interview, either personal or over the telephone, with Applicant's representatives would expedite prosecution of this application, we would welcome such an opportunity to do so.

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If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1349. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee also should be charged to our Deposit Account.

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Please substitute the paragraphs of the specification as follows:

1.   the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 19:

FIG. 1 shows a block diagram of an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 2 shows a logic diagram in accordance with the present invention; and

FIG. 3 shows an exemplary implementation of the present invention [; and]

[Fig. 4 shows exemplary source code in accordance with the present invention].

2.   the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 8:

At step 220, the system invokes a submit form function. In one embodiment, the code depicted in [Fig. 4] the example of source code listing disclosed below may be used to implement the functionality disclosed herein. At step 230, the system determines whether group members have been previously activated. In one embodiment, this functionality is implemented using a flag that is associated with the unique key. The flag may be saved in a cookie associated with the unique key. This functionality may be implemented as disclosed in the allowSubmit() function of [Fig. 4] the example of source code listing disclosed below. Other methods of determining whether a member of a functional group has been previously submitted are also possible.

3.   the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 13:

If the confirmation attribute is true, activation is allowed and the system may proceed to step 260. If the confirmation attribute is false, the system may proceed to step 290, in which case the form data is not resubmitted. In one embodiment, the system may present an alert message indicating that a related response has been previously submitted and having no control enabling the HTTP request from being resubmitted (e.g., once the user selects OK, no HTTP request is sent to the server). In the embodiment disclosed in [Fig. 4] the example of source code listing disclosed below, whether the system proceeds to step 260 or 290 is

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based on the value of a confirmFlag variable, which is based on the confirmation attribute.

4.   the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 1:

If the system determines that confirmation is allowed, the system proceeds to step 260. At step 260, the system renders a confirmation message including a control to enable the resubmission of the HTTP request. For example, the system may render a confirm message saying "This form has been previously submitted. Submitting again may result in an error. Do you want to submit?" as depicted in the allowSubmit() function in [Fig. 4] <u>the example of source code listing disclosed below</u>.